

DEMAREST SAYS COX ASKED FOR BRIBES

Witness Claims Councilman
Approached Him About
Matter Twice.

TWO YEARS' INTEREST ON PAVING RETAINER

First Proposition Was for \$1,600, But
Witness Says at Second Conference
Cox Told Him That he Thought He
Could "Fix it With the Boys" for
\$1,000.

That Councilman Ernest C. Cox twice approached him and asked him for money with which to "fix things up with the boys" and keep them quiet about repairs to the sheet asphalt paving here, was the testimony of E. B. Demarest, general manager of the Cleveland Trinidad Paving Company, yesterday at the trial of the councilman before Police Justice Brown on two indictments charging him with soliciting bribes.

Demarest was on the stand about three hours and was questioned at great length by Commonwealth's Attorney Berkeley and subjected to a rigid cross-examination by Attorney Celler, of Hampton, counsel for Cox.

During his direct examination, Demarest testified that he first met Cox in September of 1908 and that he was introduced to him by City Engineer T. E. Pearce in front of the city hall. He remained here about a week and saw Cox several times during the week. At one of the meetings, he said, Cox spoke to him about the paving, saying that a great amount of repairing was necessary and that several members of the committee, "the boys," were raising a rumpus about it. Cox told him, the witness said, that he thought he could arrange to keep them quiet, but thought he should have something for it, and he mentioned as the consideration two years' interest on the retainer now held by the city, which interest would amount to about \$1,600.

Tells of Another Proposal.
Demarest said that he and Cox walked along Washington avenue and Twenty-fifth street and that Cox pointed out the defects in the paving and showed him where repairs should be made. The witness told Cox that he would take the matter up with President Bramley and let him know later. Demarest returned here several weeks later and met Cox at the city hall. No one else was present at the meeting, and, the witness said, Cox told him that something had to be done and done quickly. Cox, the witness said, told him that he thought he could "fix it up" for \$1,000.

"I told Cox that the paving looked pretty good to me and that I did not see that we had any cause to pay anything," said the witness.

Here On Other Contracts.
In reply to questions from Captain Berkeley, Demarest said that he was here in connection with the paving contracts which were let by the city several months ago and on which his company submitted estimates. He did not, he said, ask Cox to vote for his company. He had not loaned Cox any money, had not made him any present or paid his expenses on any trip.

In the cross-examination, Attorney Celler asked Demarest if he had not been indicted for giving bribes to councilmen on paving contracts. Demarest replied that he had been recognized to appear for trial on a bribery charge in a city in Oklahoma, but that the case never came to trial. That was the only time that he had been in court on a bribery charge, he said.

Hadn't Received His Money.
Former Police Commissioner W. T. Wilson, who was campaign manager for R. E. Davis in the municipal primary of June 12, was sworn. He said that Davis had been promised \$25 by Burcher and Cox to withdraw from the race for the nomination for constable, but that the money was not paid. He had, he said, approached Cox several times and asked him why he did not pay the money. Cox had replied, the witness said, that he had not paid the money because he had not gotten the money he had expected to get out of the paving.

When the trial was resumed before Justice Brown at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, City Engineer Pearce was recalled to the stand. Cox was present with his attorney when the court opened and was smoking a cigar. Throughout the trial the city seemed to be undisturbed by the proceedings and apparently was in a happy frame of mind.

Replying to questions from Captain

Berkeley as to who were the "boys" who seemed most anxious to have the paving repaired, the city engineer said Alderman C. D. West and Councilman Cox. He also stated that he had a conversation with President Bramley about repairs to the paving as late as May, 1909.

City Clerk Recalled.
City Clerk Hudgins was then recalled to the stand and testified concerning the advertising for paving bids. He said that the bill of \$1,864 for repairing the sheet asphalt paving company was approved February 5, 1909. Captain Berkeley asked if this bill was not approved before the work was done and the witness said that he thought it had. The bill, he said, did not go to the finance committee, but was approved by both branches of the city council.

City Auditor J. W. Read was called and explained the guarantee fund held by the city, which, with the interest, aggregates about \$22,000 at this time. The expiration of the time at which the transaction which the Trinidad company will be finally closed in January 8, 1911, he said.

E. B. Demarest was called to the stand when Mr. Read was excused and he was examined for more than three hours. He was on the stand when court adjourned at 2:30 o'clock and was recalled at the afternoon session.

V. B. Barclay On Stand.
Former Street Commissioner Wilson followed him and V. B. Barclay was the last witness of the day. His testimony had not been completed when court adjourned for the evening and he will be recalled today. Barclay testified that he had received a warrant for the cost of the repairs from the city and forwarded it to the paving company. This was in June, 1909, about the time that Cox wrote the letter to President Bramley, asking for \$100 expense money and telling the paving company president that he (Cox) understood everything and that the council would do business with him before it would with any one else because "we all understand each other."

Continue Hearing This Afternoon.
Justice Brown has fixed 2 o'clock this afternoon as the time for the continuance of the trial. Present indications are that the State will conclude its testimony late this evening, and it may be that the defense will not put on any witnesses before next week. Cox probably will take the stand in his own behalf.

Several points that have been raised by counsel must be argued when the evidence is in and then the attorneys will argue the case on its merits. The arguments probably will consume the better part of a day and the case may not be concluded until the middle of next week.

EARTH, HEAVEN AND HELL ARE DISCUSSED

Evangelist Brandt Preaches
on "The Three States
of Man".

"The Three States of Man," was the subject of an interesting sermon delivered at the First Presbyterian church last night by Evangelist Brandt before a large audience. Mr. Brandt illustrated his sermon by the use of various charts.

The evangelist spoke of the five or six different views held of what becomes of the spirit when man dies. He showed how on earth a man lives either in the church or in the world and by death passes into either paradise or torment, which he says is Hades, and by the resurrection passes either into heaven or hell, which is eternity. His sermon was heard with great interest and some questions were asked by those in the congregation upon the evangelist's exhortations.

Tomorrow Mr. Brandt will conduct four services. At 9:30 o'clock he will occupy the Sunday school hours at the Third Street Christian church, at 11 a. m. he will preach at the First Presbyterian church on "Doing Your Best"; at 2:30 p. m. he will speak to men at the Academy of Music and at night he will deliver a sermon at the First Presbyterian church on "Almost Persevered." "Found Out" will be his subject at the men's meeting. No services will be held tonight.

A Blow in the Back.—An overcoat is a necessary nuisance and the tendency to take it off on warmish days in late autumn and winter is as strong as it is unwise. A treacherous wind hits you in the back and the next morning you have lumbago. Rub well and often with Perry Davis' Pain-killer and you will be astonished to find how quickly all soreness is banished.

MUST SECURE PERMITS

Only One Auto Owner Has
Complied With Ordinance.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY

Measure Becomes Effective Monday
Morning—Speed Limit Increased
From Eight to Twelve Miles an
Hour—Heavier Fines Provided.

Owners of automobiles in this city have but one more day to take out their necessary permits to run their machines, as the new automobile ordinance becomes effective at one minute after midnight tomorrow night. Thus far only one owner has secured a permit from Chief Reynolds, but the chief's office probably will be besieged today by applicants for permits and tags for machines.

The new ordinance makes many changes in the law governing the operation of automobiles. Every person who drives an automobile must take out a permit and pay \$2 for it. These permits must be renewed annually by the payment of an additional dollar. No permit can be issued to a person under sixteen years of age and it will be unlawful for any such person to operate an automobile.

An increase in the speed limit is provided by the new measure, the present limit being eight miles, while after Monday it will be twelve miles an hour. When turning corners or passing street cars that are standing still the automobiles may not be run at a higher rate of speed than six miles an hour.

Heavier penalties are prescribed by this ordinance than have heretofore been laid down. For the first violation of the speed law, a driver may be fined not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars, and for the second offense not less than fifteen nor more than fifty dollars, and for the conviction of each additional offense within any one year, the driver may be fined not less than forty nor more than one hundred dollars. The fine for violations of other sections of the ordinance is not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars.

Social-Personal

Miss Fay Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah H. Martin, of Norfolk, and Mr. Samuel Leroy Slover, formerly of this city, but now of Norfolk, were married Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the bride's home on Fairfax avenue, Norfolk, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. T. Mastin, D. D., of Richmond. The ceremony was witnessed by only relatives and close friends of the families.

Miss Martin wore a handsome gown of white satin, trimmed with rose point and duchesse lace, with hand embroidery, and was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Miss Mabel Martin, as maid of honor, who wore a beautiful gown of embroidered lace over yellow satin. The house was elaborately decorated in palms, Southern smilax and cut flowers.

Col. James A. Fowler, of Washington, D. C., was the best man, and the ribbon bearers were Miss Dorothy Martin and Master George Martin. Mr. Slover is president and manager of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, and formerly was business manager of the Times-Herald in this city. He has a wide circle of friends in Newport News.

Miss Grace Balmer, who has been visiting relatives in King and Queen county, has returned home.

Miss Frances Caldwell, of Pittsburg, has arrived here from Washington, D. C., to visit friends before returning home.

Miss Pauline Pierson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Q. Saunders, on Twenty-sixth street, has returned to her home in Lynchburg.

Miss Harriet Graham has returned from Baltimore and Washington, where she visited friends.

Mrs. R. N. Bowers, who has been visiting at her former home in Baltimore, has returned to this city.

Miss Katherine Gobler has returned from a visit to Charlottesville.

Mrs. G. W. Berry has as her guests at her home in East End, Mrs. C. A. Santmyer, of Clarendon, Va., and Mr. J. W. Santmyer, of Xenia, Ohio.

Miss Jennie Bowman has returned from Irvington, Va., where she spent several weeks with relatives.

Miss L. B. Sweeney has returned to Washington, D. C., after a visit to her brother here.

Mrs. A. V. Ross, of Washington, D. C., is in the city as the guest of her son, Mr. Claude Matthews in East End. She came to attend the Mat-

thews-Green wedding, which occurred Thursday night.

Mrs. W. T. Smith and daughter Alma, have returned from an extended trip through the North.

Matthews-Green.
A very pretty but quiet wedding was solemnized Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Mamie Stella Green became the bride of Mr. Charles Elmer Matthews, the ceremony being performed in the parlors of St. Vincent's Roman Catholic rectory, Rev. Father Joseph Frioli officiating.

The bride, who is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Green, is very popular among a host of friends, having resided here since childhood. She was becomingly gowned in a dark blue traveling suit with hat and gloves to match. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley, and was attended by her sister, Miss Ethel A. Green, as maid of honor. The maid of honor was dressed in red and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

The groom, who is the youngest son of Mrs. A. V. Ross, formerly of this city, but more recently of Washington, D. C., was attended by Mr. Mackie H. Baxter as best man.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom were driven to the Old Dominion pier where they boarded the Richmond boat, for a short honeymoon trip on the termination of which they will return to this city, where they will reside at 139 Thirty-fifth street. The young couple were the recipients of many useful and pretty presents.

WILL GIVE DECISION IN BANK CASE TODAY

Judge Ingram's Opinion Ready
in Much Discussed
Local Suit.

Judge John J. Ingram, of the Law and Chancery Court of Richmond, will render his decision in the Corporation Court here this morning in the suit of the depositors against the officers and stockholders of the wrecked Savings Bank of Newport News for the recovery of the full amount of their deposits. This case probably has attracted more attention than any civil suit ever brought in the local courts and the court room probably will be crowded this morning to hear the decision.

The suit was instituted here more than two years ago and Judge Ingram has had the depositions and arguments under consideration since the last part of last year. The records in the case cover hundreds of typewritten pages.

It is practically certain that the case will be carried to the Virginia Supreme Court no matter what Judge Ingram's decision may be. The amount involved is about \$33,000, the depositors suing for the amount on the ground that the wrecking of the bank was a result of the negligence of the officers in not holding stated meetings and examining into the affairs of the institution.

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